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In re Application of Ray Vincent, et al.

Application No. 10/772,628

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Attorney Docket No. 284-23258-USD

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application, filed August 14, 2006.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹ must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply,² unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

It is noted that a terminal disclaimer, including fee, is not required. Petitioner has supplied a reply in the form of the \$1700 issue/publication fee and has paid the petition fee of \$1,500; however, the petition an adequate statement of unintentional delay. See item (3) above.

Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" as well as the omitted item(s) noted above. This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

¹ As amended effective December 1, 1997. <u>See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure</u>; Final Rule Notice, 62 <u>Fed. Reg.</u> 53131, 53194-95 (October 10, 1997), 1203 <u>Off. Gaz. Pat. Office</u> 63, 119-20 (October 21, 1997).

² In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

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